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109TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5411

[Report No. 109–586]

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a demonstration program to facilitate landscape restoration programs within certain units of the National Park System established by law to preserve and interpret resources associated with American history, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 17, 2006

Mr. PEARCE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

JULY 20, 2006

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

2 The purpose of this Act is to establish a demonstra-
3 tion program to facilitate landscape restoration programs
4 within those units of the National Park System estab-
5 lished by statute to preserve and interpret resources asso-
6 ciated with American military history.

7 **SEC. 2. DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**

8 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of the Interior
9 (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”), act-
10 ing through the Director of the National Park Service,
11 shall carry out a demonstration program that provides
12 that receipts from timber sales shall be retained for ex-
13 penditure within units of the National Park System from
14 which the timber is removed as part of an approved plan
15 for the restoration or protection of park resources or val-
16 ues.

17 (b) PARTICIPATION.—The Secretary shall permit
18 each of the 24 National Battlefields, National Battlefield
19 Parks, National Military Parks, and National Battlefield
20 Sites in existence on the date of the enactment of this
21 Act to participate in the demonstration program author-
22 ized by subsection (a) if the unit has in place, before the
23 date of the enactment of this Act, a general management
24 plan, cultural landscape plan, or other resources manage-
25 ment plan approved pursuant to the National Environ-
26 mental Policy Act of 1969 (43 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), that

1 identifies specific timber for removal for purposes of cul-
2 tural or historic landscape restoration or fuel load reduc-
3 tion.

4 (c) USE OF RECEIPTS.—Each unit selected to partici-
5 pate in the demonstration program authorized under sub-
6 section (a) shall retain receipts from the sale or disposal
7 of timber removed from that unit. Such receipts shall be
8 available for expenditure without further appropriation or
9 fiscal year limitation for the following purposes only:

10 (1) Landscape restoration within the unit.

11 (2) Interpretive services within the unit.

12 (3) Eradication of disease, insects, or invasive
13 species within the unit.

14 (4) Fuel load reduction within the unit.

15 **SEC. 3. REPORTS.**

16 (a) TIMELINE.—Six months after the date of the en-
17 actment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report
18 to the House Resources Committee and the Senate Com-
19 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources that contains a
20 specific timeline for timber removal in each of the units
21 authorized to participate in the demonstration program
22 under this Act. The timeline shall list—

23 (1) those units that are ready to remove timber
24 immediately;

1 (2) those units that will be able to remove the
2 timber within 6 months;

3 (3) those units that will take longer than 6
4 months to remove the timber and an explanation
5 why that removal will take longer than 6 months;
6 and

7 (4) those units where further timber removal is
8 inappropriate and an explanation of why it is inap-
9 propriate.

10 (b) RESULTS.—Two years after the date of enact-
11 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report to
12 the House Resources Committee and the Senate Com-
13 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources that contains the
14 results of the demonstration program authorized under
15 this Act, including—

16 (1) a detailed accounting of the receipts gen-
17 erated in each unit by the demonstration program;

18 (2) the expenditure by each unit of those re-
19 ceipts; and

20 (3) any resource or other impacts, positive or
21 negative, on each participating unit.

22 **SEC. 4. SUNSET.**

23 The authority granted to the Secretary in section 2
24 shall expire 4 years after the date of the enactment of
25 this Act.

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